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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Colonel Smith	Army
Major Jacobson	Army
Captain Moore	Navy
Lieut. Madden	Navy
Col. Hansman	Air Force
Major Ware	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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2. NIS Production Forecast

Copies of the consolidated NIS Production Forecast of Chapters II-IX for fiscal years 1956, 1957, and 1958 were distributed to the members. Forecast schedules of Sections 45 and 56, and Supplement V will be added at a later date. The Chairman noted that these forecast schedules will complete the first three high priority groups of NIS Areas with certain unavoidable exceptions. Every effort will be made, however, to complete these areas as each year's schedule is finally developed.

The Committee examined Chapter I production situation and took steps to develop the Chapter I forecast for fiscal years 1957 and 1958 by the next meeting. In developing Chapter I on such Areas as [REDACTED] and Korea, which have divided political control, the Committee felt that, while separate treatment was possibly necessary, both parts should be produced and published concurrently for optimum benefit to the users.

The Navy member agreed to examine the feasibility of developing a Special NIS on the Polar Area which would reflect all basic intelligence requirements necessary for that region. This would render NIS 69 (North Polar Area) unnecessary and this NIS number could then be assigned to Antarctica for such use as may develop in the future.

3. Revision of Section 83 Outline

The Committee approved the outline revision of Section 83 (Air Forces) as proposed by the Air Force member at the last meeting, with the provision that "Comments on Principle Sources" for the entire Section be designated as Part III to avoid separate treatment under Part I "Air Force" and Part II "Naval Air Arm". The Air Force member pointed out that the

outline would no longer require the preparation of tables on airfield data since this requirement is satisfied by the periodical "Airfields and Seaplane Stations of the World", to which suitable cross-reference will be made in the Section.

4. Chapter IX Schedule for FY 1958

The Committee approved the Chapter IX production forecast for fiscal year 1958 as proposed by the Chapter IX Coordinator under date of 21 February 1955, as follows:

NIS 53M	Egypt	NIS 25	Cyprus, Malta & Gibraltar
15	Switzerland	95	Guianas
34	Afghanistan		25X6A
21M	Yugoslavia	77	Panama

5. Production Situation

The Vice Chairman reported that NIS production had fallen off to 66% of scheduled requirements for the year. He requested the members' views on production prospects within their respective agencies. The members reported as follows:

State -- Although production to date is only 49% of requirements, the State member felt that his agency would approximate 90% of requirements by the end of the year.

Army -- The Army member considered that his agency would continue production at approximately the present rate of 70% of scheduled requirements.

Navy -- The Navy member reported good prospects for fully meeting requirements for the year.

Air Force -- The Air Force member indicated his agency would probably fulfill all requirements for the year even though present production was only 63% of scheduled commitments.

CIA -- The Vice Chairman said that NIS production of CIA components averaged 75% of scheduled requirements. It appeared, however, that they would essentially meet production requirements for the year, providing the sub-contributors met their commitments.

The Committee set 1 May as the date to review the over all production situation and to determine the probable defections for the year as a basis for developing the final schedule for fiscal year 1956.

6. NIS Dissemination Requirements

The Vice Chairman requested that NIS dissemination requirements of the agencies be surveyed and new requirements determined on a periodic basis, preferably every six months. He pointed out the difficulty of making frequent adjustments in the control sheets under present procedures, and recommended a uniform system for all agencies. The Committee approved the request and set 1 March and 1 September of each year as the dates for reporting agency dissemination requirements for NIS.

7. Miscellany


a. The Chairman advised the members that the working committee to consider segmented area and geographic treatment for the NIS would probably meet the early part of next week.

b. The Army member proposed dropping the scheduled revision under the maintenance program of Section 81 (Ground Forces) on the USSR, because the fundamental situation was not sufficiently changed, on the basis of available information, to justify a revision. The Committee approved the deletion of Section 81, NIS 26 from the schedule with the understanding that the scheduled revision of Section 80 on the USSR (November 1955) would indicate the situation respecting the Soviet Ground Forces.

c. The Navy member suggested that the so-called "zero sections" (20, 30, 40, etc.) be used to indicate significant intelligence affecting those sections of the chapter for which maintenance is unwarranted. It was the consensus of the Committee that this be done advisedly so that the "zero sections" would not be used as a means to short cut legitimate maintenance requirements. The Committee also held that the "zero sections" should be disseminated to users who request other sections of a chapter so that the significant aspects of a topic contained only in the "zero section" would not be overlooked.

8. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1955 at 1000 hours.

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